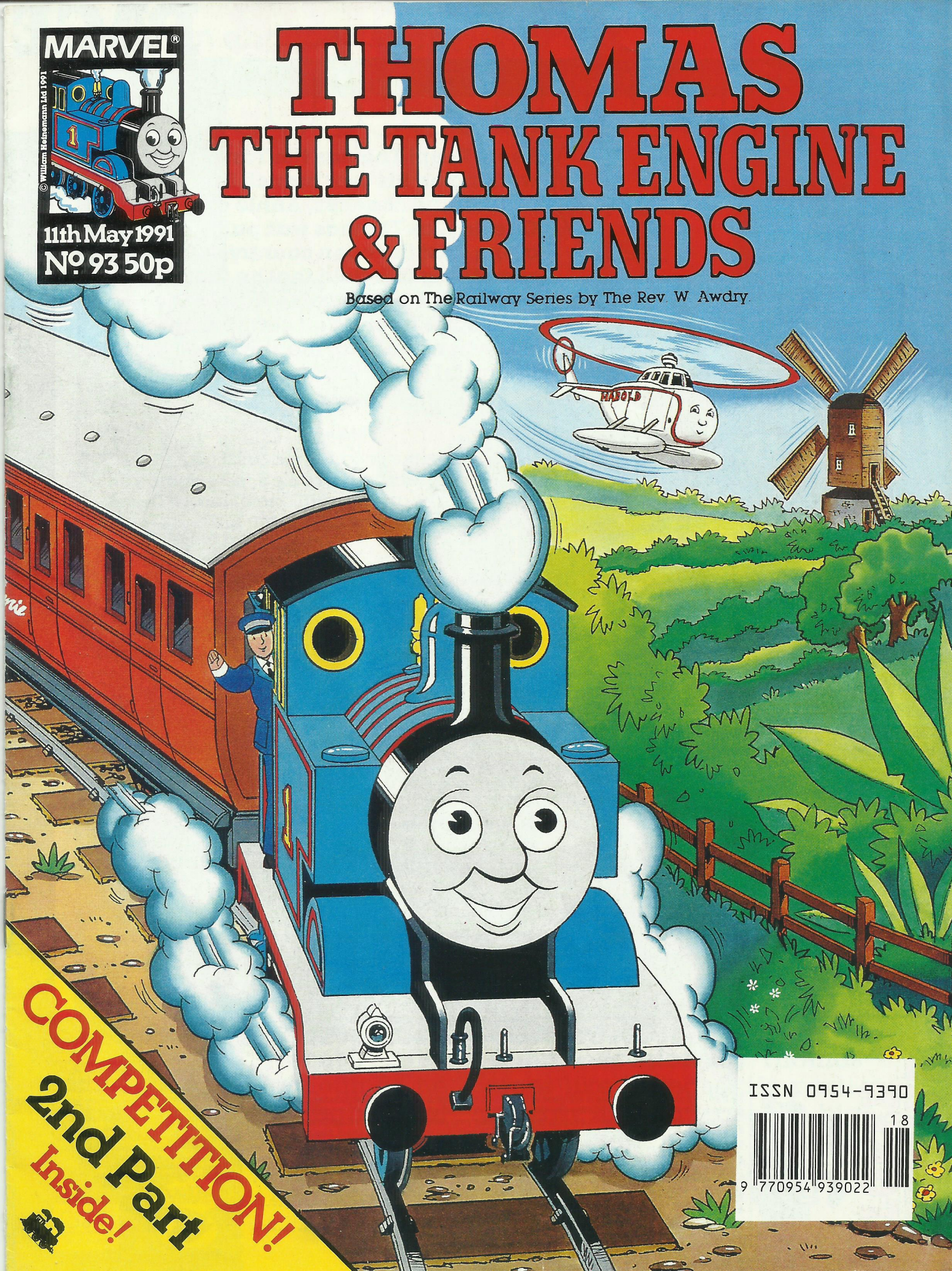
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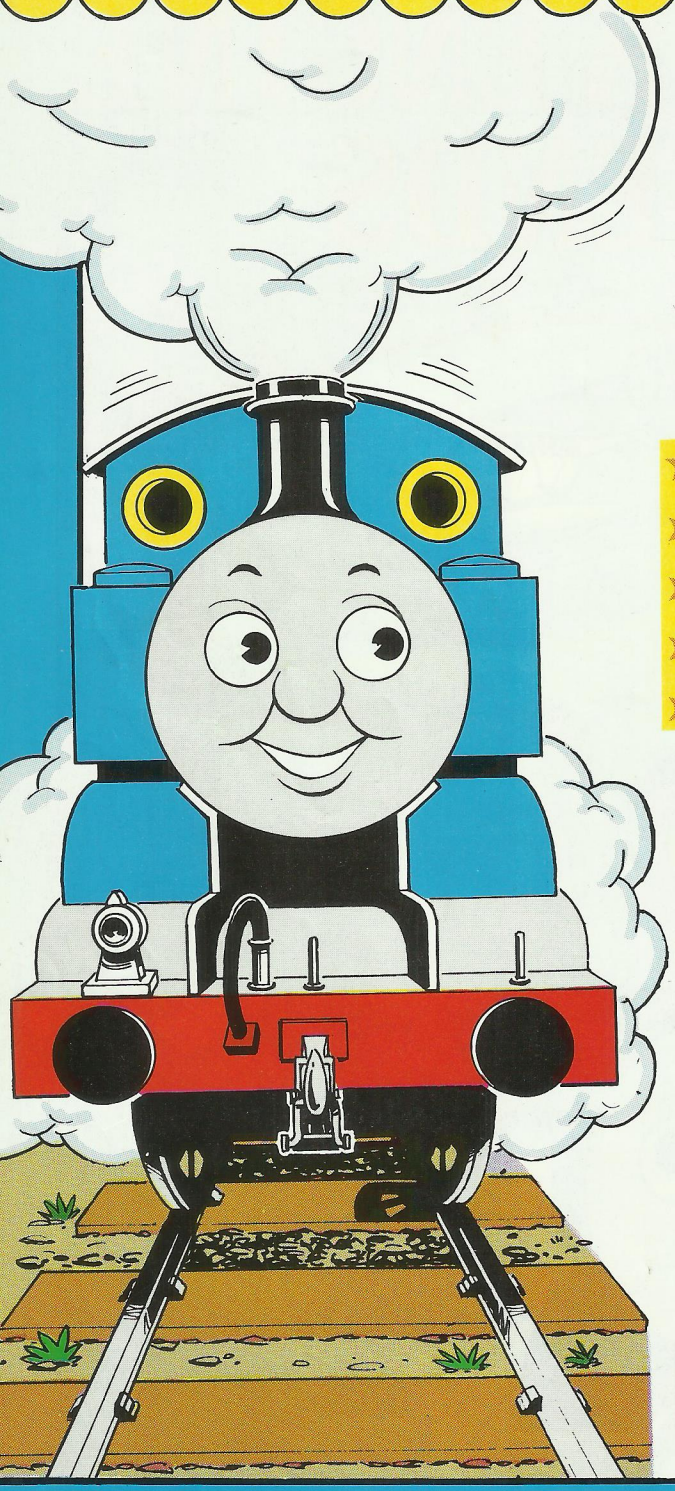

Peep! Peep! Thomas the Tank enjoys working on his own branch line with his two faithful coaches, Annie and Clarabel. One day, as Thomas was pulling his train along past the open countryside, he saw something in a field that he thought he could quite easily tease Harold the Helicopter about! You can find out what it was when you read the story that starts just opposite! Peep! Peep!

SPLENDID COMPETITION!

Don't miss the second and final part of our splendid competiton on **page 7!** Where you'll have the chance to win one of many **Thomas the Tank Engine** prizes, *from ERTL (UK) Ltd!*

NEXT ISSUE: NEW STAR LETTER PRIZES!

Starting in our next issue and continuing for a further 12 issues, we'll be giving away a splendid **Thomas the Tank remote** control engine from *ERTL (UK) Ltd,* to the sender of any letter that is printed as our **STAR LETTER!**

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In our next issue: Daisy feels overworked and thinks that she needs a rest!

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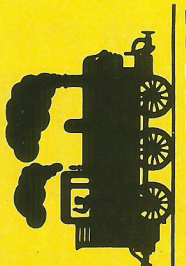

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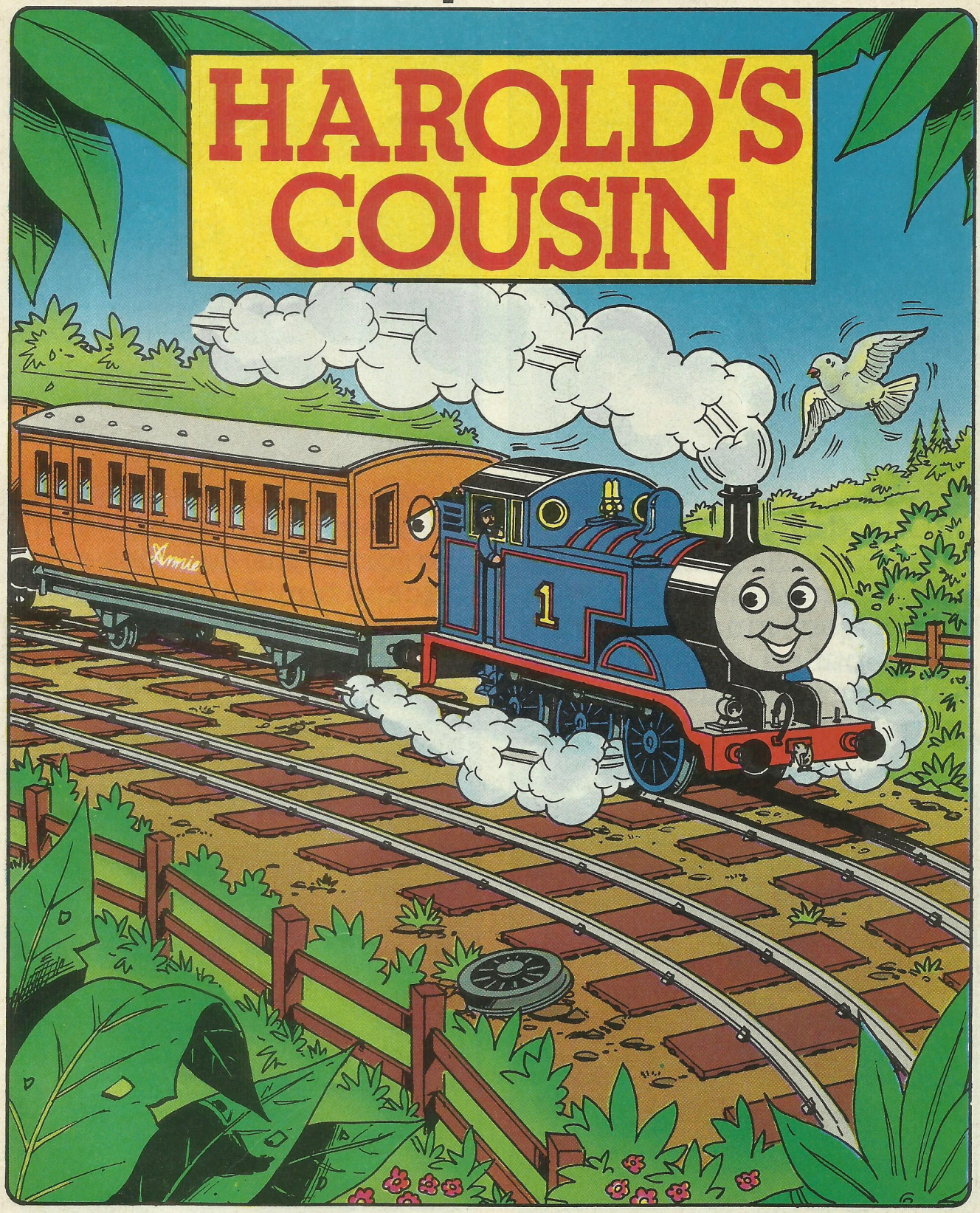
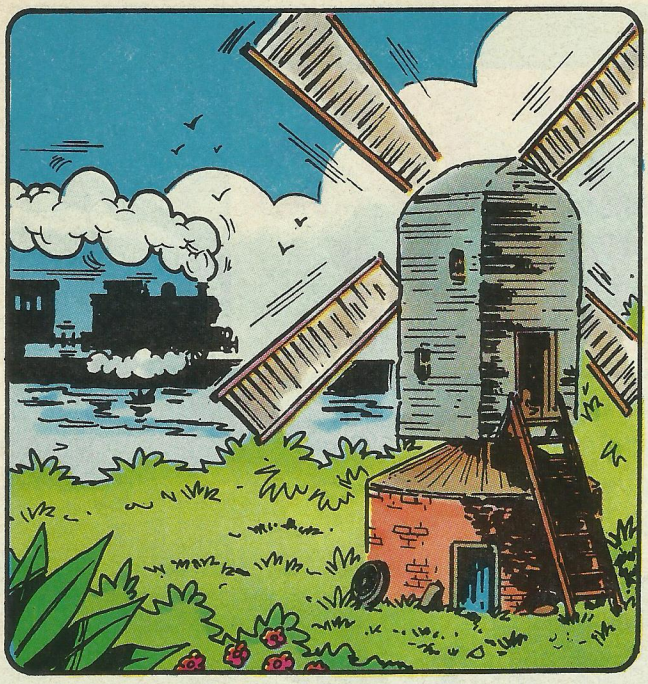
A listen and look story!

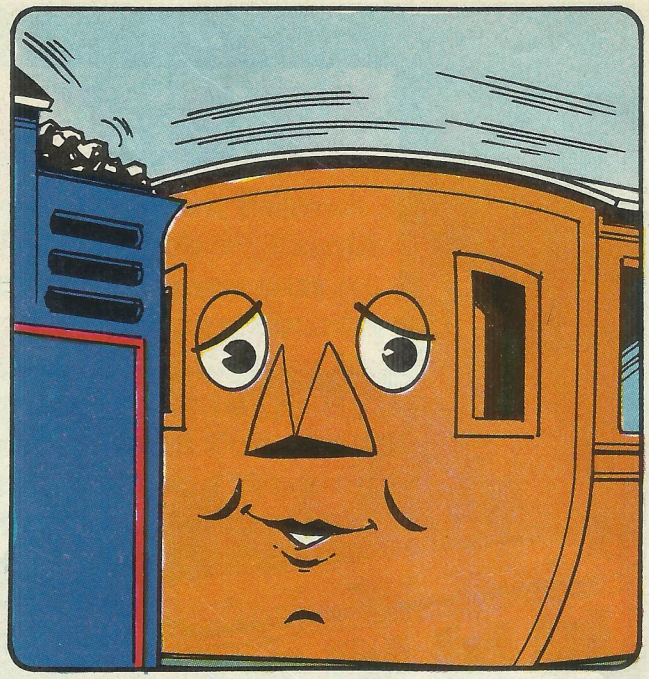


1. Thomas is a cheeky little tank engine. Sometimes he is even rather naughty, but for the most part Thomas is what the Fat Controller calls a Really Useful Engine.

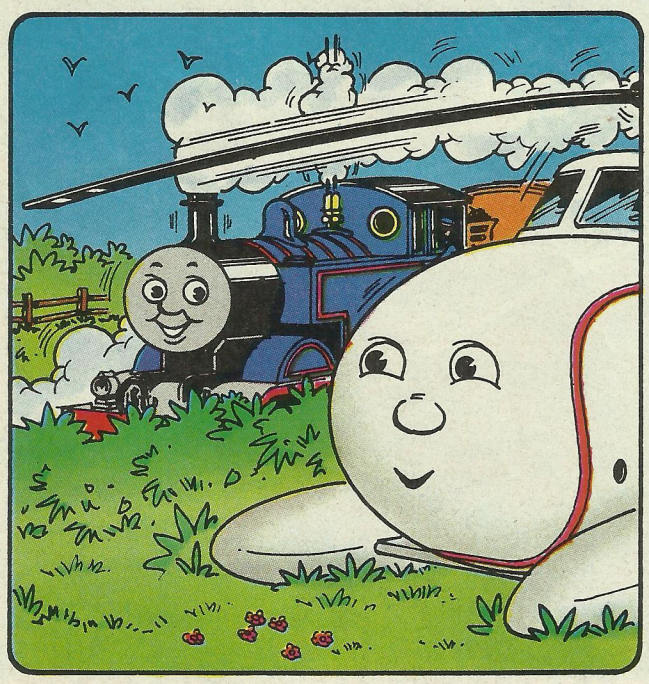
2. But occasionally Thomas does like to tease. He particularly likes to tease the big tender engines, because they enjoy ordering around the smaller engines.



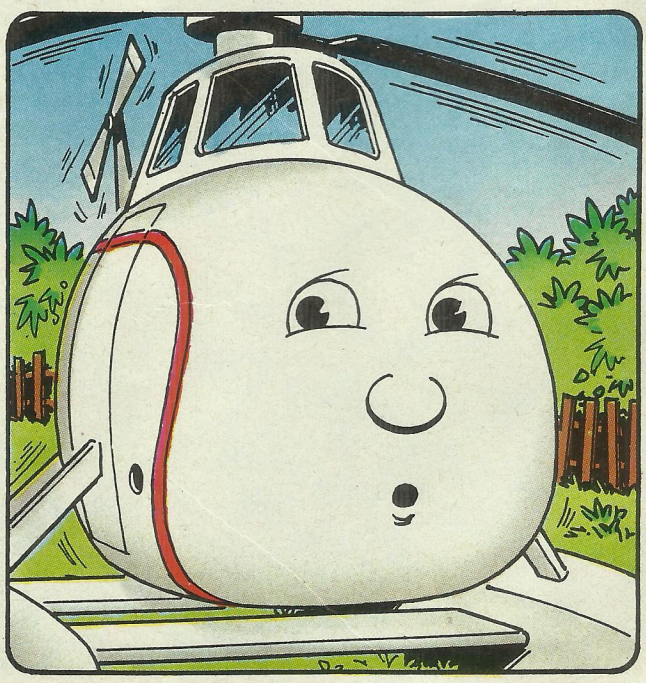
3. One day as Thomas was running along his branch line, he had an idea. "Very funny! Very funny!" he sang as he puffed along pulling Annie and Clarabel.



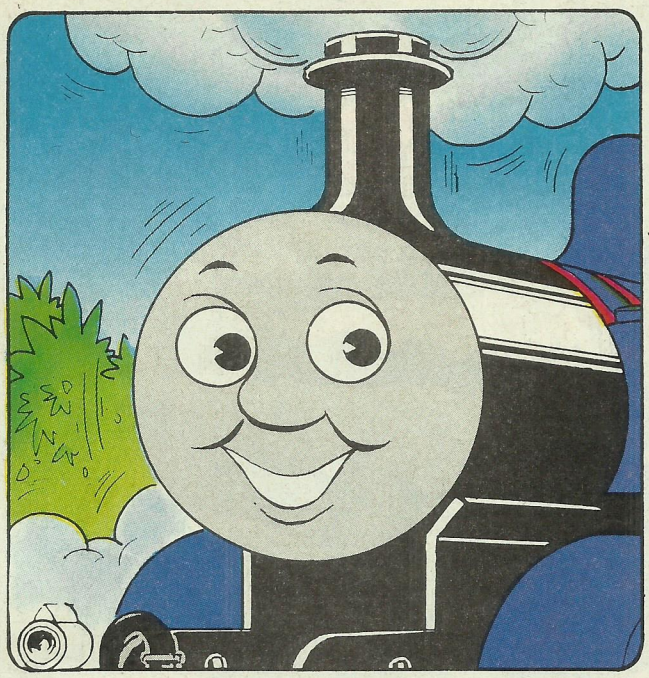
4. "What's the joke? What's the joke?" his coaches sang back to him. But Thomas did not want to tell them. "Wait and see! Wait and see!" he replied to them, cheekily.



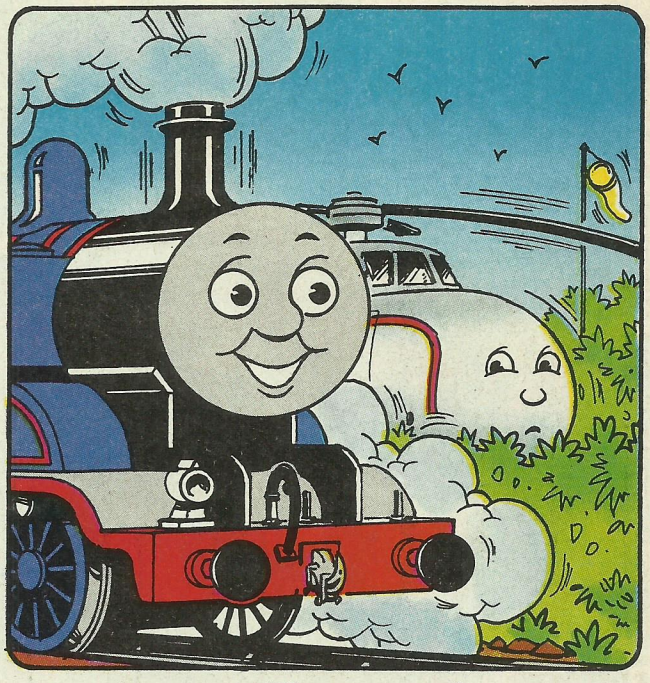
5. Later that afternoon they were passing by the airfield when Thomas saw Harold the Helicopter sitting nearby. "Peep! Peep! Hullo, Harold," whistled Thomas.



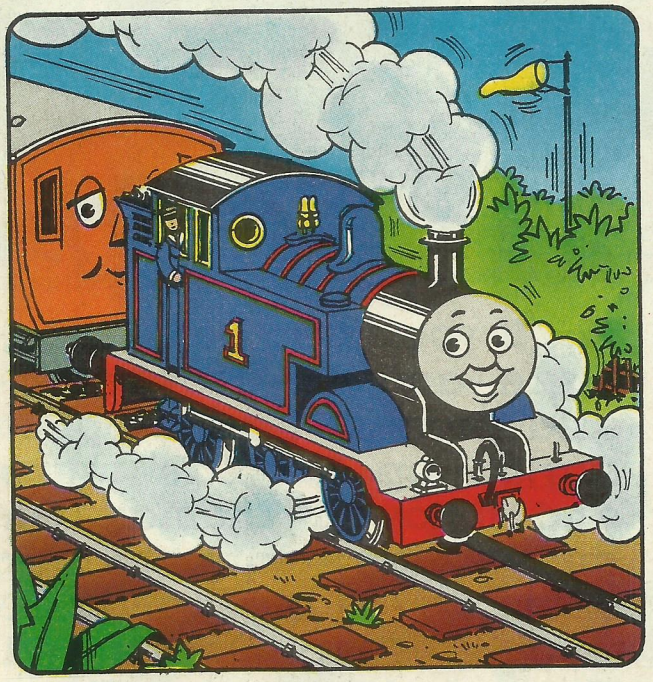
6. "Hullo, Thomas," replied Harold, brightly. "How are you today?" "Very well indeed," said Thomas, "and so is your cousin, Harold." "My cousin?" asked Harold.



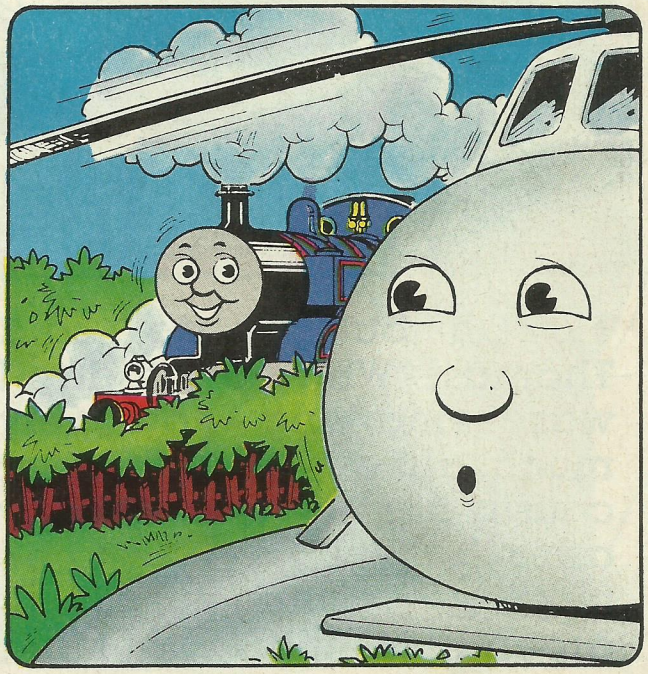
7. "That's right," answered Thomas. "I saw him earlier, Annie and Clarabel did too." "Did we?" chorused the two coaches. "Yes, of course you did," said Thomas.



8. "But, Thomas," complained Harold. "Whatever are you talking about? I don't have a..." "Peep! Peep!" whistled Thomas. "Goodbye, Harold! I can't stay."



9. "Very funny! Very funny!" sang Thomas as he hurried away, leaving poor Harold very confused! The next day, Thomas stopped beside the airfield again.



10. "Hullo, Harold," called Thomas. "I saw your cousin again!" "I don't have any cousins!" shouted Harold a little crossly. He didn't like Thomas's teasing.

11. "Oh, but you do," said Thomas. "Why, only today I was remarking how very much alike you look! Your cousin has the same whirly arms that you have and he's forever spinning them around, in the air! Mind you, he does stand rather differently..." "I don't have any cousins!" protested Harold once again.

12. "If you don't believe me, come and I'll show you!" said Thomas. Harold's pilot started up Harold's rotors and followed Thomas. On and on they went until they came to a big windmill. "Peep! Peep!" whistled Thomas, laughing. "There he is! See his arms going around!" Harold laughed when he saw the windmill!

THE END

In our next issue: Toby on the line!

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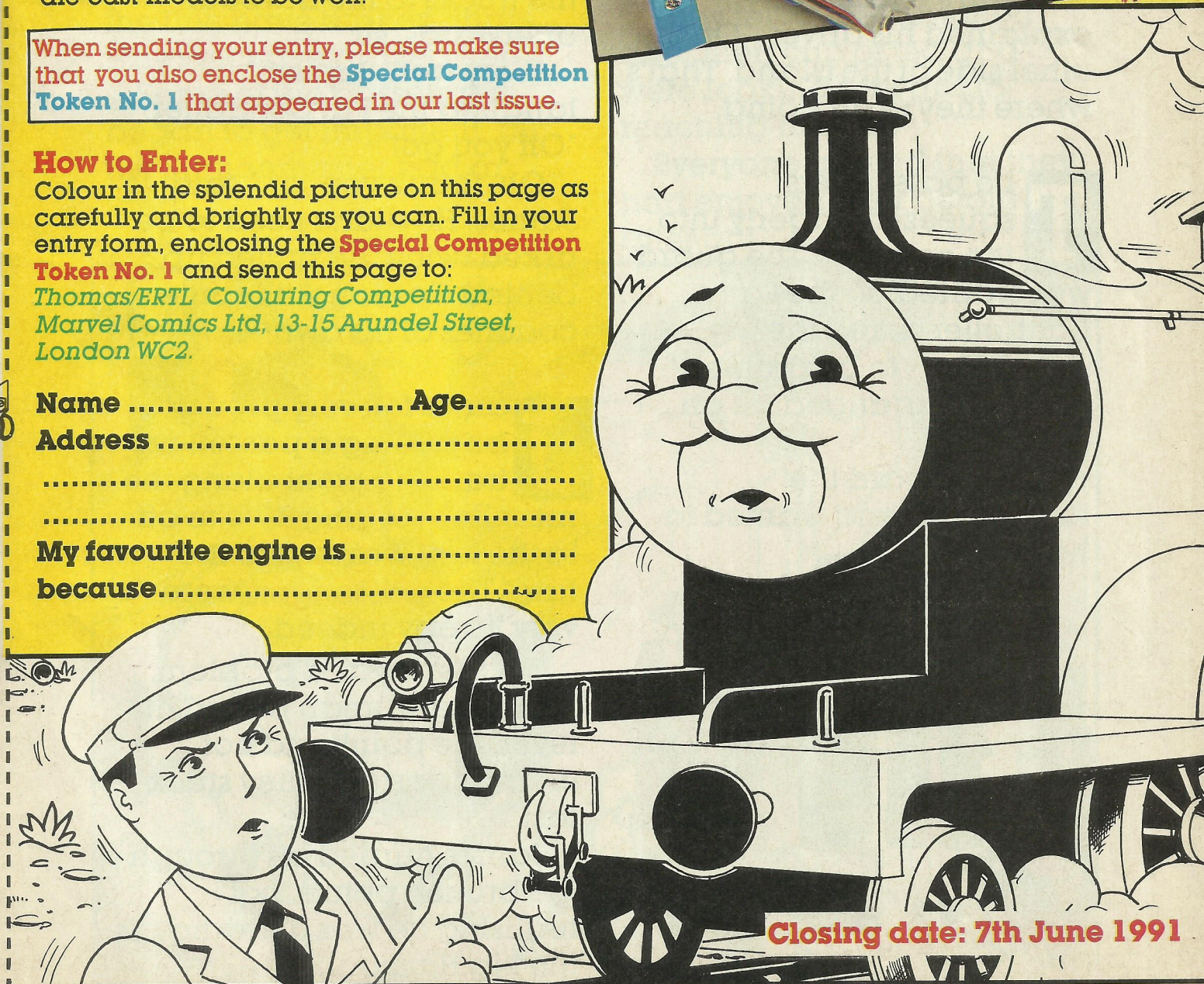

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A read-aloud story!

The Extra Train!

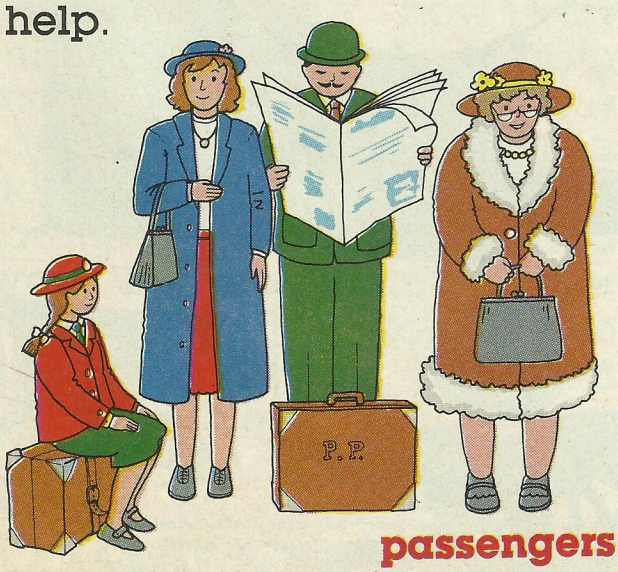
It was a bright, sunny day on the Island of Sodor. A large crowd of passengers gathered on the station platform, waiting for Gordon's train.

"They can't all be for me!" said Gordon, stopping at the platform.

"There's a fair today," explained his driver. "On the other side of the island. That's where they're all going."

The passengers squeezed eagerly into the coaches. The guard was worried, so the Fat Controller asked the passengers to be patient while he arranged for an extra train.

James heard the excitement and wanted to help.



passengers

"Please, sir," he asked. "Could I take the train, sir?"

"But you have a goods train to pull, James," said the Fat Controller. "It is important to take the goods to the Big Harbour!"

"Yes, sir," said James. "But I could pull both. I could take the trucks to the harbour afterwards, sir."

"Very well, James," laughed the Fat Controller. "Off you go!"

"Oh, thank you, sir," said James. He didn't need to be asked twice. He pulled up behind Gordon with some coaches of his own.

James felt very proud to be pulling a passenger train. He went along the mainline singing. "We're off to the fair! We're off to the fair!" The passengers were very happy indeed.

But there was a problem. As the signalman pulled his lever, the points did not change. Instead they stuck fast.

James hurried on through the broken points, not realising he was heading for the Big Harbour.

When James reached the end of the line, his passengers were very surprised indeed.

"Oh, dear," sighed James. "How did I get here?"

James's driver was just as confused. "I've no idea," he replied.

Suddenly the Harbour Stationmaster arrived.

"I've just had a message from one of the signalmen," he said. "A set of points along the line have broken, that's why you have arrived here!"

Some of the passengers began to get impatient, but the Stationmaster had an idea.

While James was uncoupled from his coaches and turned around, the Stationmaster's staff made a nice cup of tea for all the passengers.

Everyone soon forgot their disappointment at arriving at the wrong destination.

Before long, James was turned around and coupled to the back of his train. As he pulled away, the passengers cheered.

They felt quite refreshed after their cup of tea and were looking forward to reaching the fair.

Everyone agreed that they had enjoyed their detour after all!

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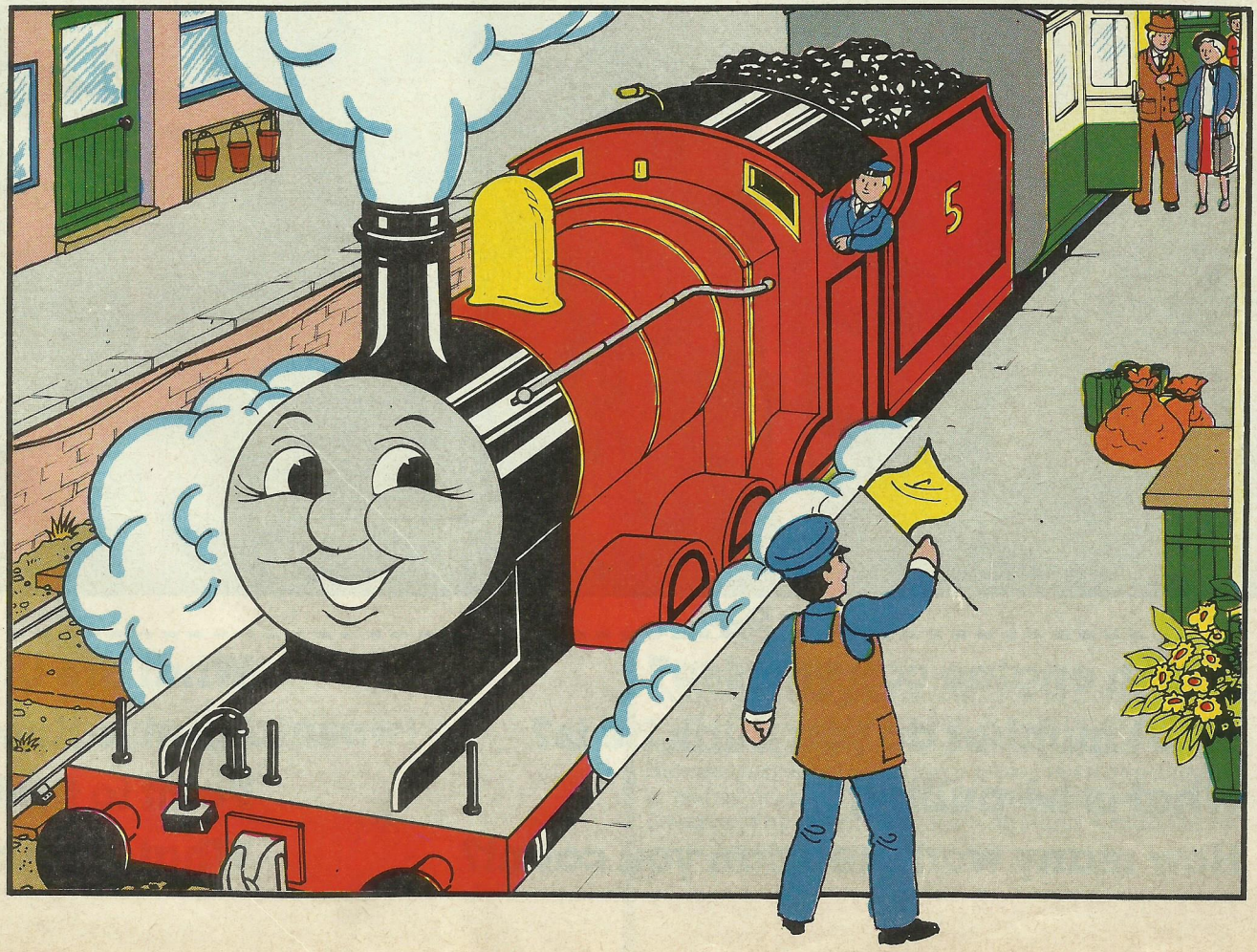

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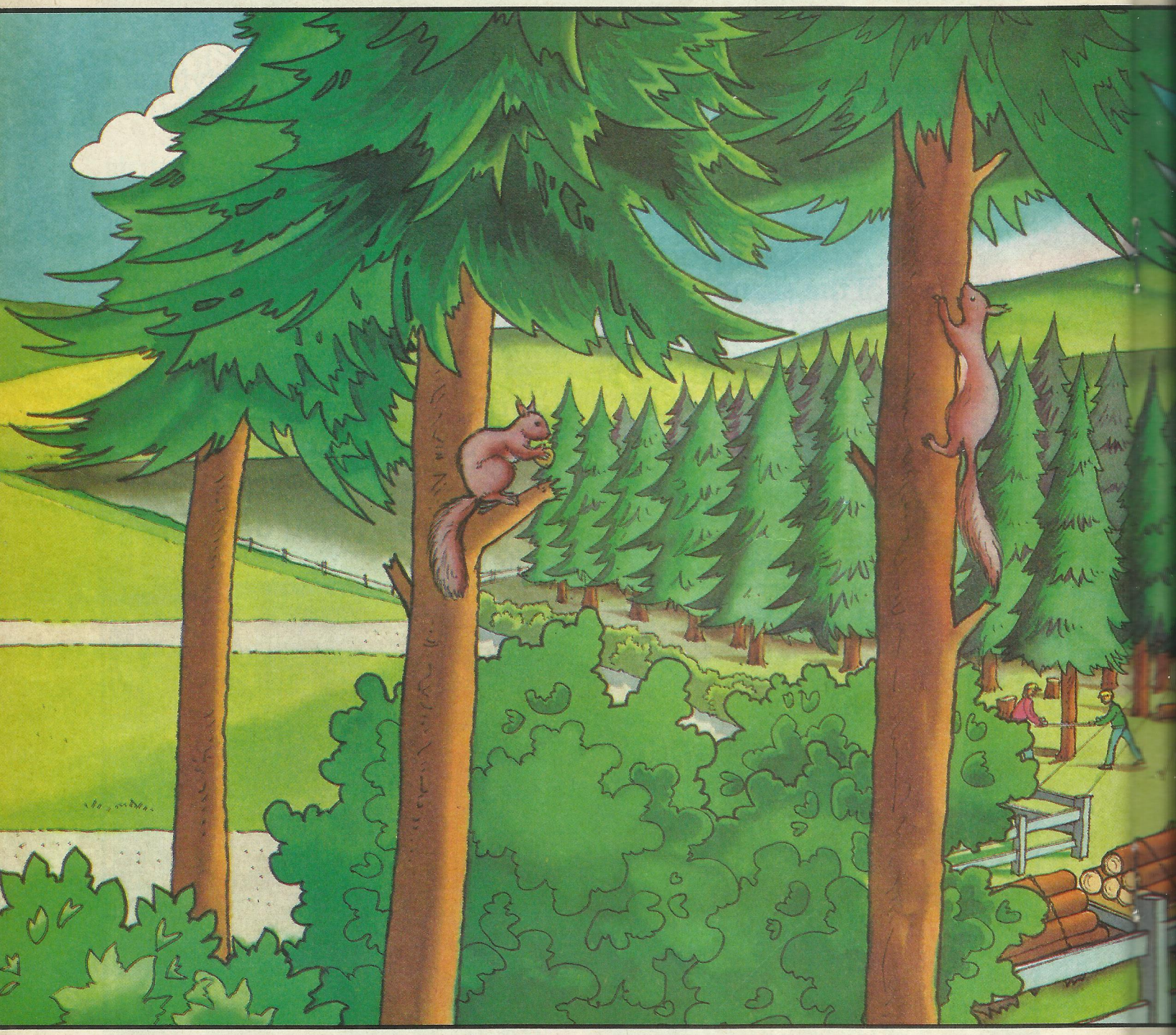

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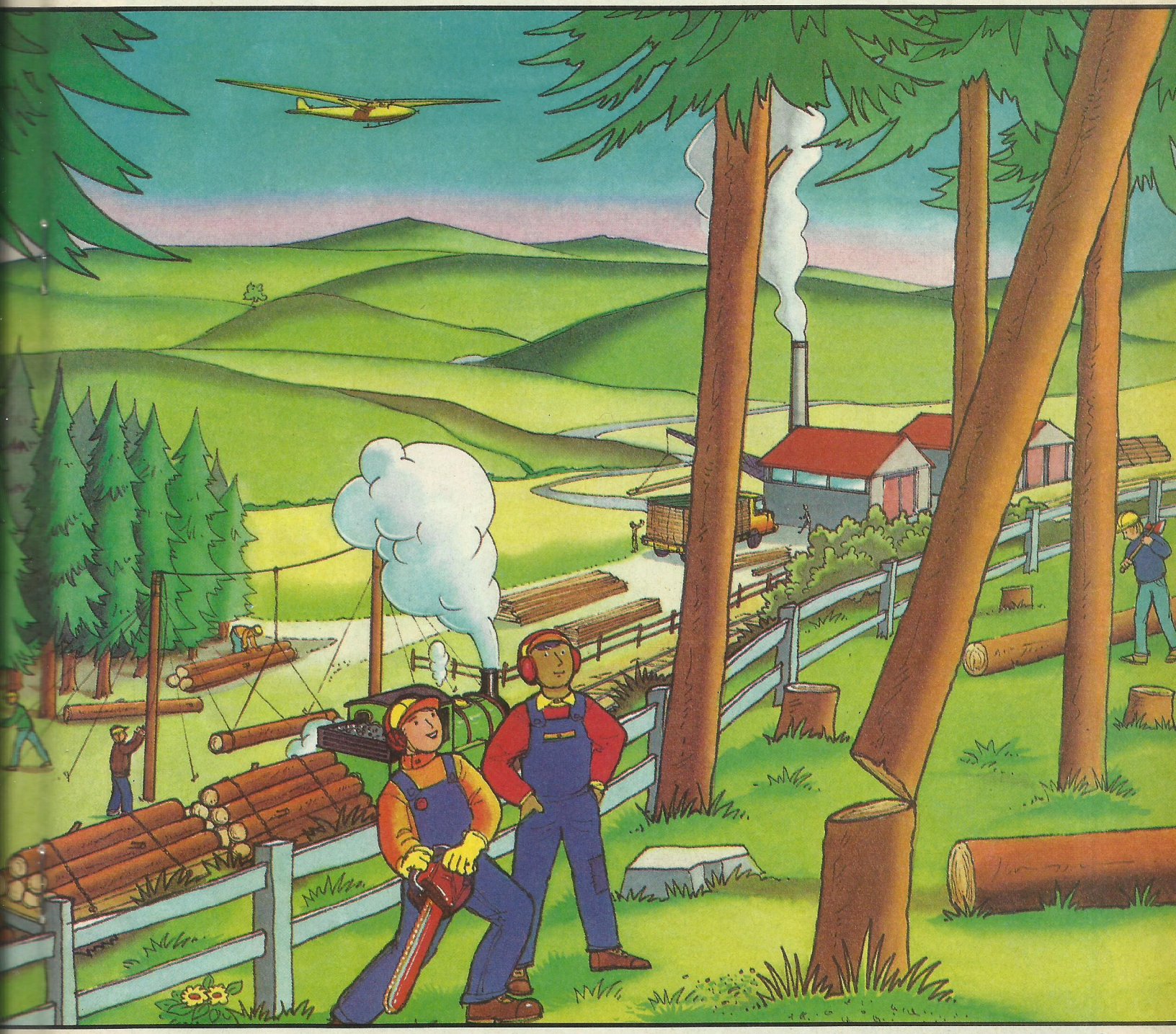

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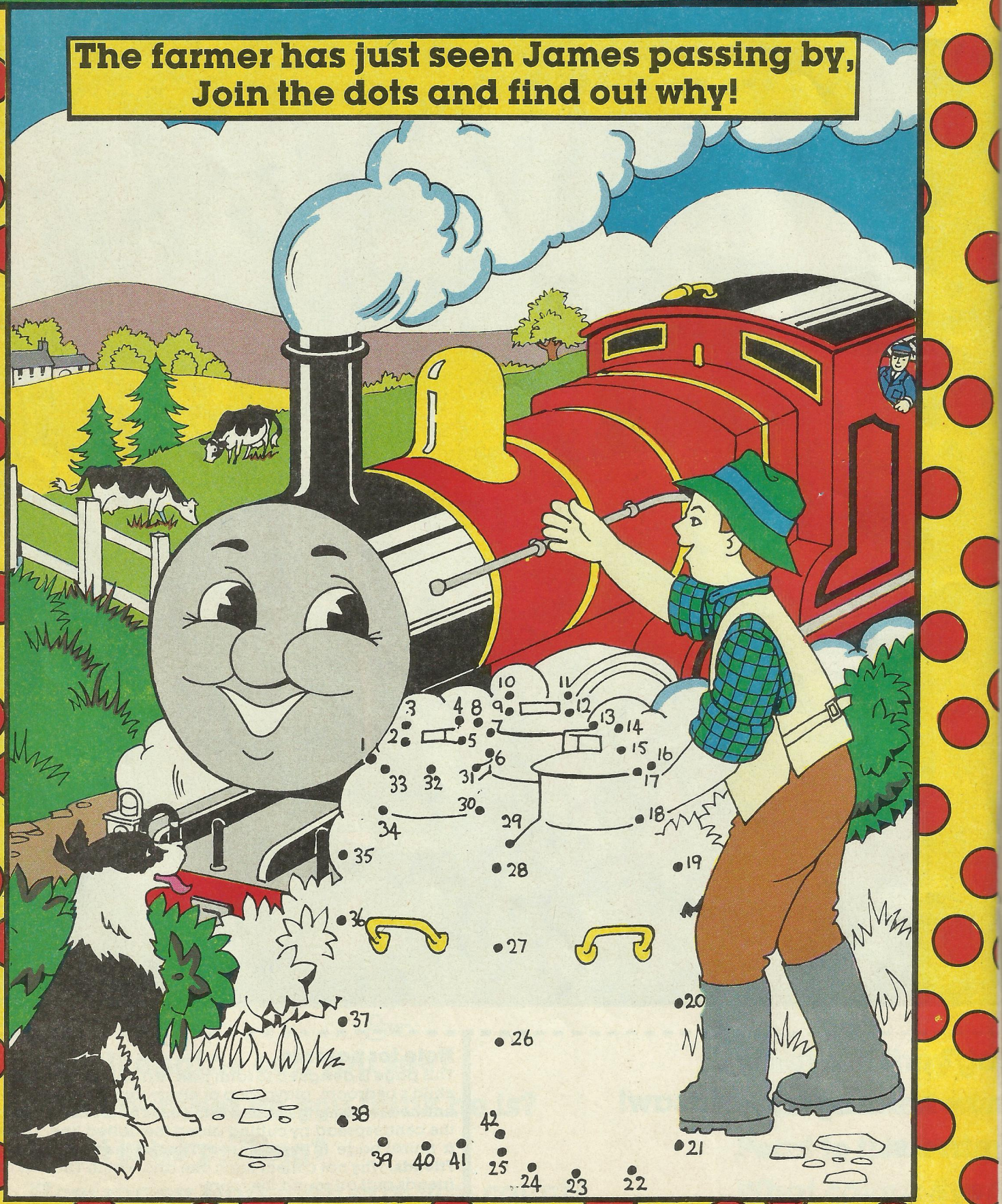
Next issue: Past the forest!

JOIN THE DOTS!

The farmer has just seen James passing by, Join the dots and find out why!



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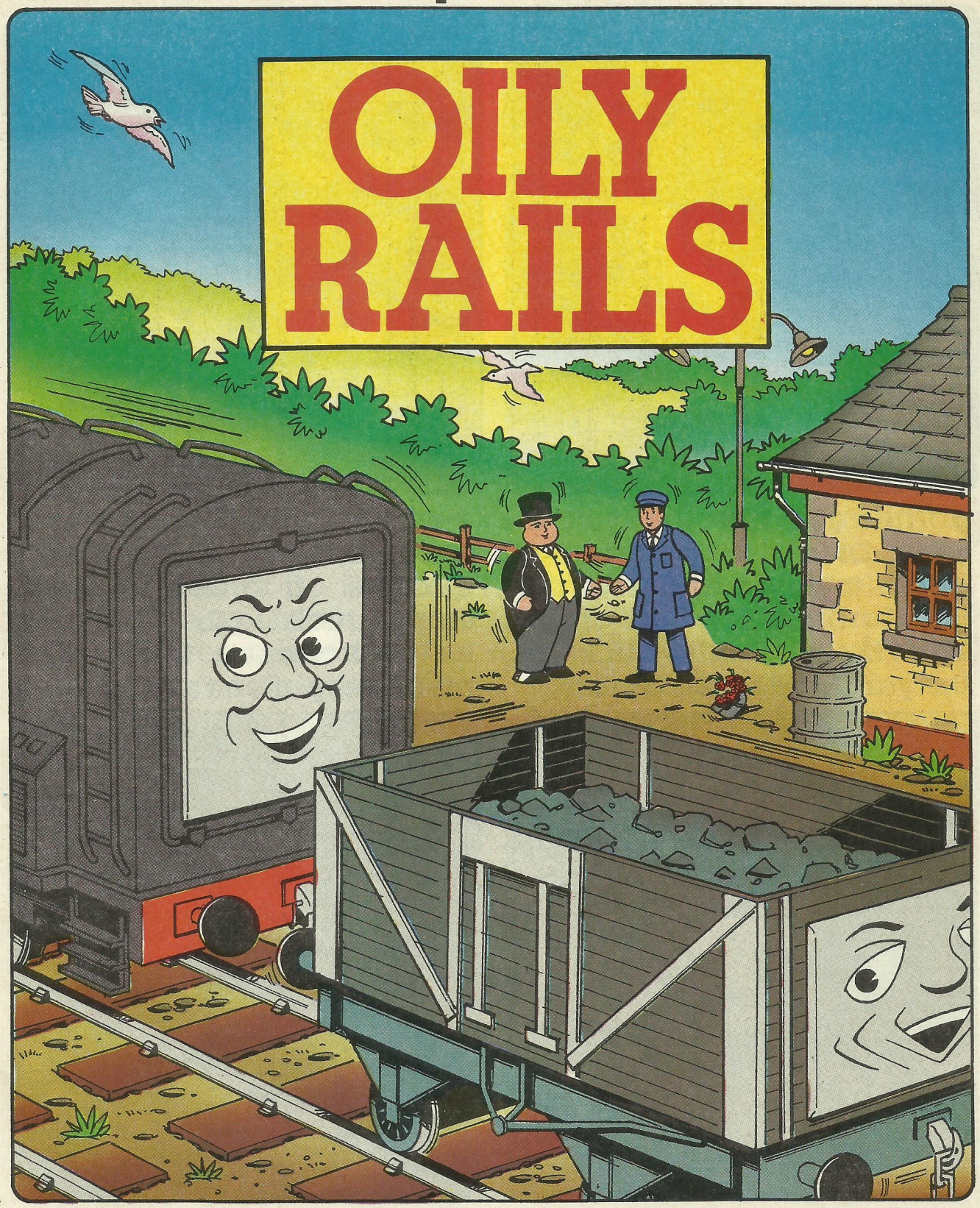
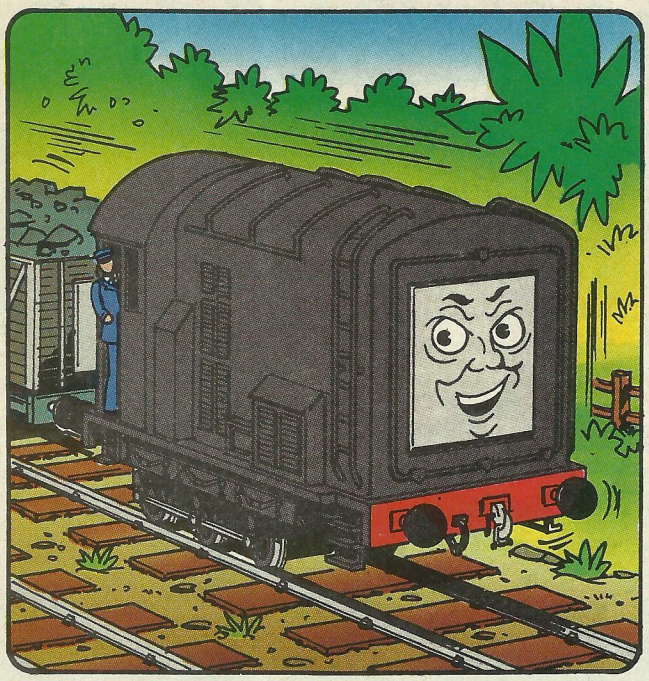
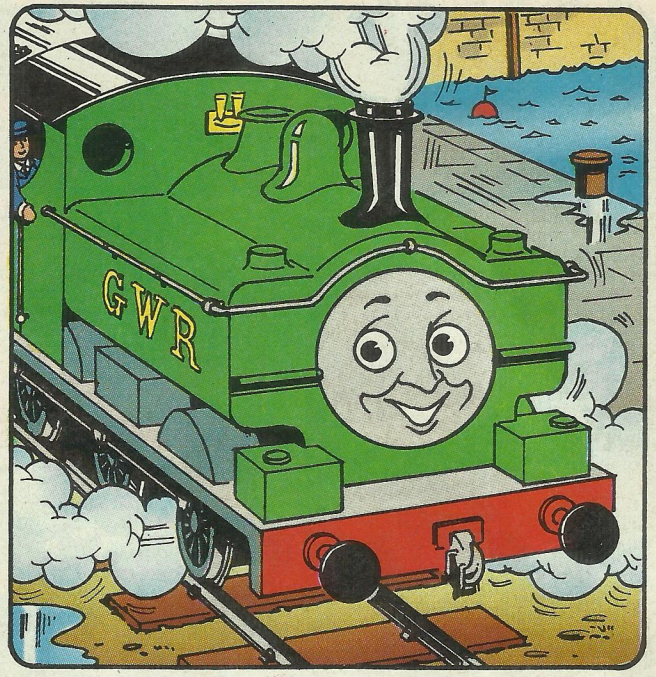


1. Diesel can be a very bad tempered engine. He is always scheming and causing trouble. He usually bumps his trucks much harder than other engines too!

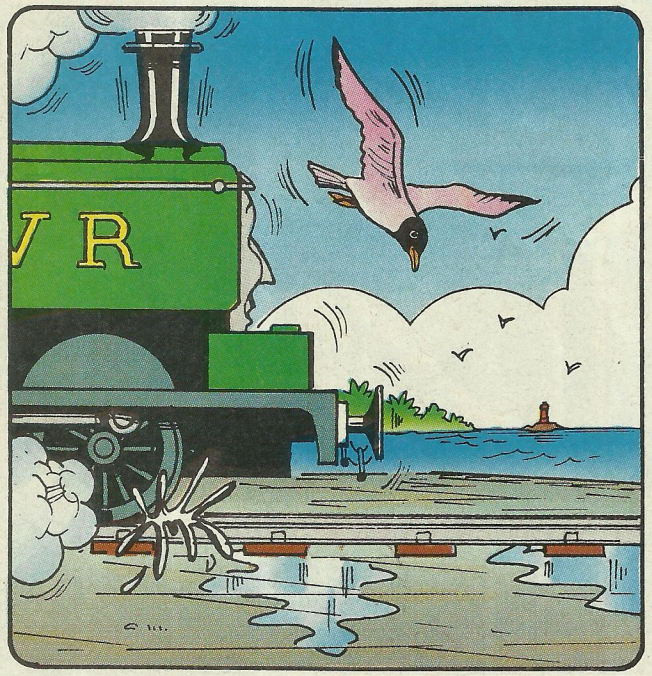
2. Nevertheless, in spite of his naughty disposition, the Fat Controller considers Diesel a Very Useful Engine to have working on his railway. For one thing he's very strong.



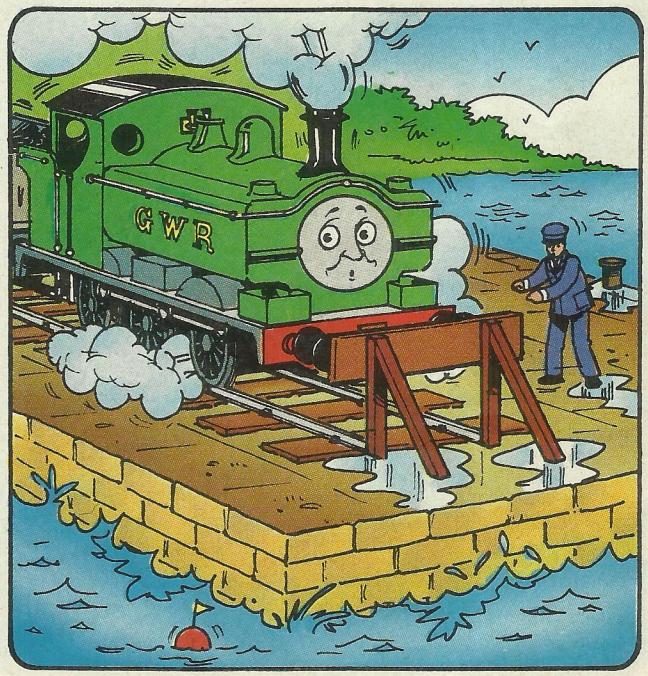
3. The Fat Controller likes to send Diesel to pull heavy goods trains to and from the Big Harbour. The rest of the time Diesel shunts trucks in the yard and at the quarry.



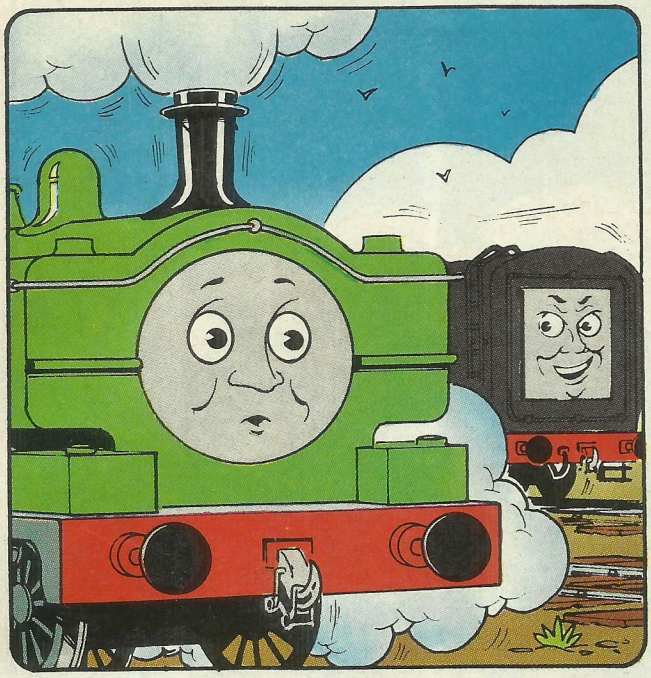
4. One day, Duck and Diesel were shunting in the yard. Duck set off to deliver some empty trucks to the docks. As he approached the docks, his driver put on the brakes.



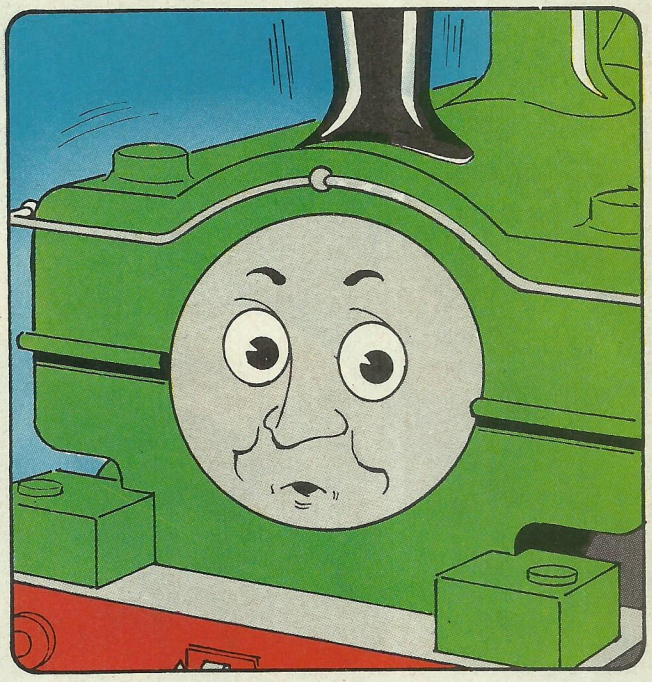
5. But Duck's wheels wouldn't grip! The rails were too slippery! **Skreee**! Duck was sliding towards the sea at the end of the dock with the line of trucks behind him.



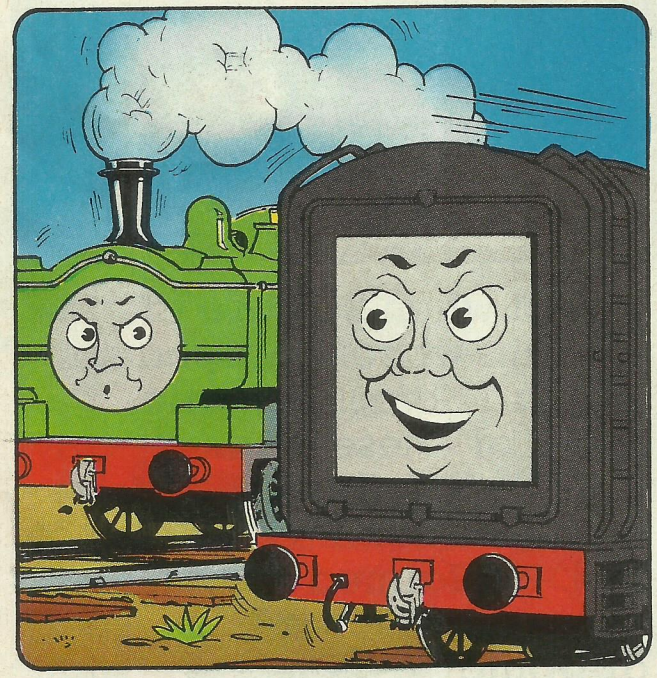
6. Duck finally stopped when he hit the buffer beam. "Whatever happened?" he asked. "Oily rails," said his driver, and he climbed down to take a look at them.



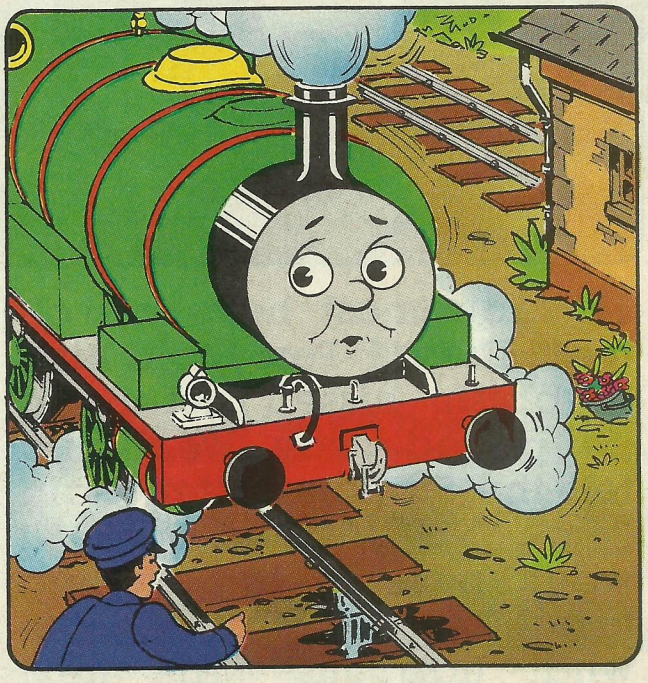
7. "Hullo, Diesel!" called Duck across the yard. "I think you must be leaking oil!" "Leaking oil?" hissed Diesel. "What nonsense! I'm not leaking anything!"



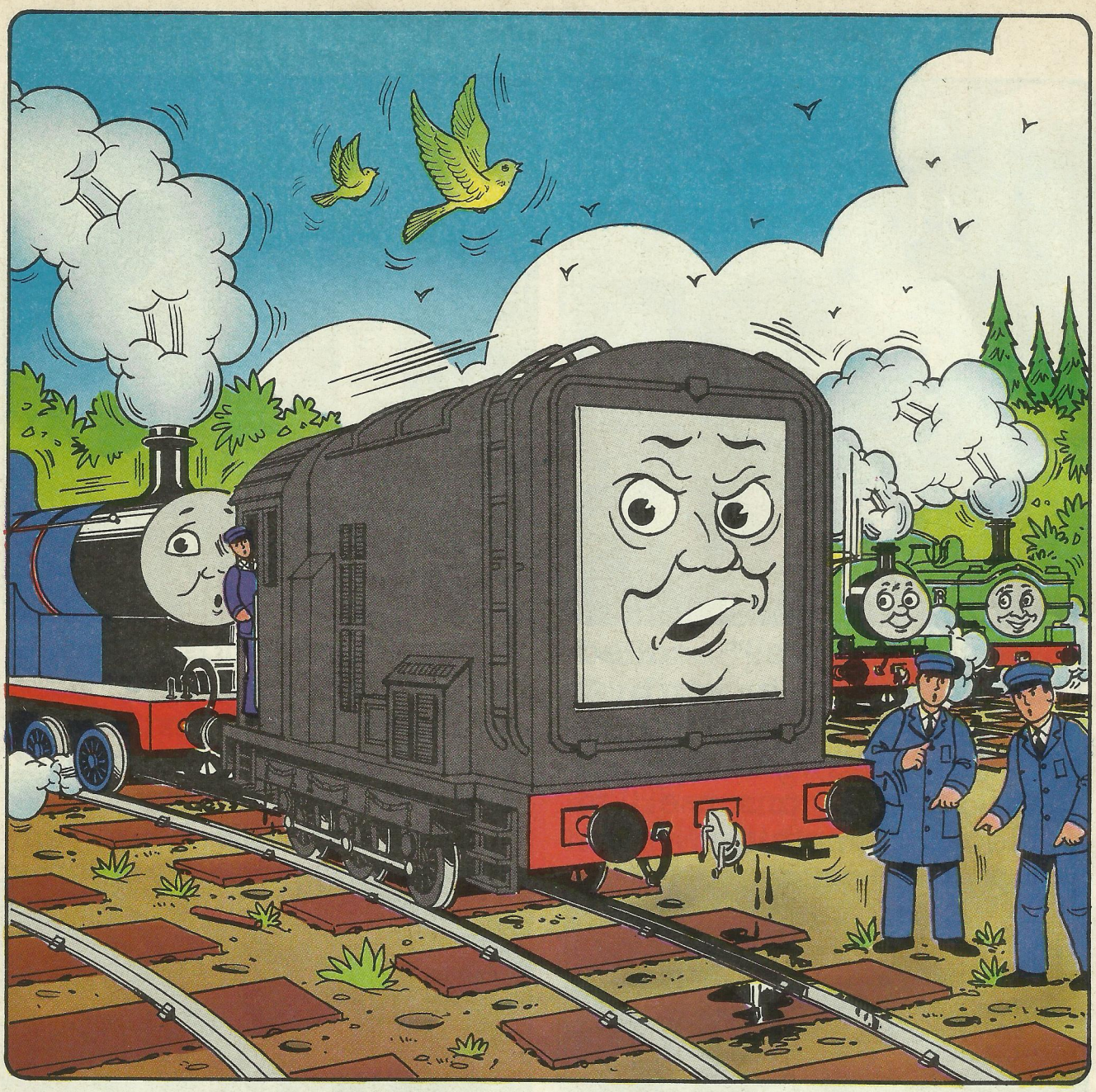
8. "But I had a nasty slip on some oily rails, just now along the dock!" explained Duck. "And my driver said it was motor oil, so it had to be a diesel and well..."



9. "What a load of steam and coal dust!" hissed Diesel. "I don't think that your driver can tell motor oil from water," announced Diesel, rudely.



10. Duck was very cross with Diesel for being so rude. Later, Percy slipped in the yard too, and Percy's driver thought the oil had come from Diesel as well!



11. "You must have an oil leak, Diesel!" Percy told him. "Rubbish!" hissed Diesel and he pulled away. "We should tell the Stationmaster," said Percy. "No," insisted Duck, "it would never do to be telling tales! We shall wait and see what happens!" The next day, Edward arrived in the Big Harbour Yard with a long goods train.

12. But when Edward tried to stop, his wheels slipped too! Edward crashed into the back of Diesel! **Bang!** "Oily rails," said Edward's driver to the Stationmaster. "It's not me!" exclaimed Diesel, even though oil could be seen dripping beneath him! Diesel was sent to be repaired while the slippery rails were cleaned!

In our next issue: Daisy wants a rest!

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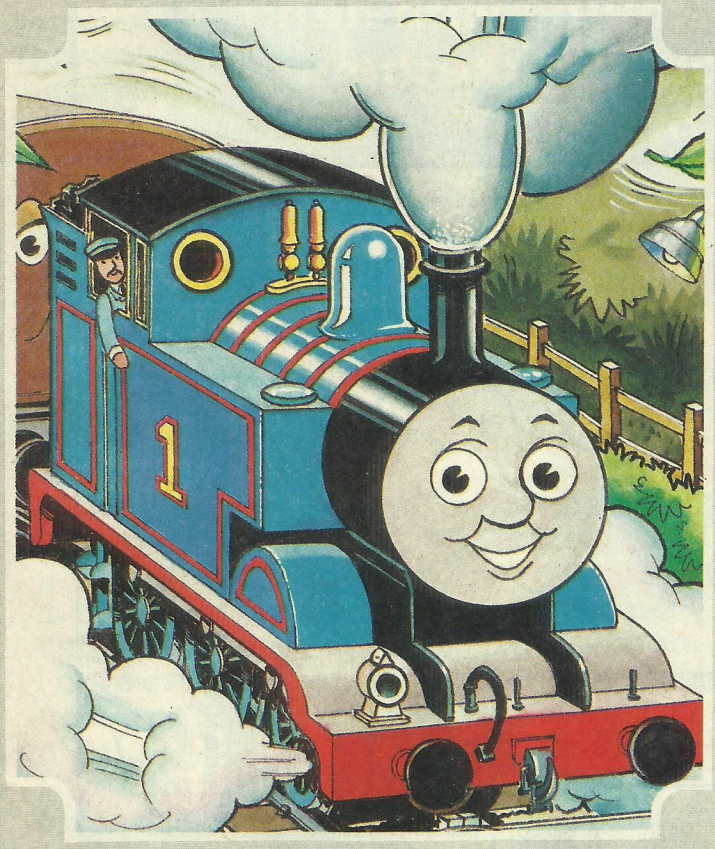

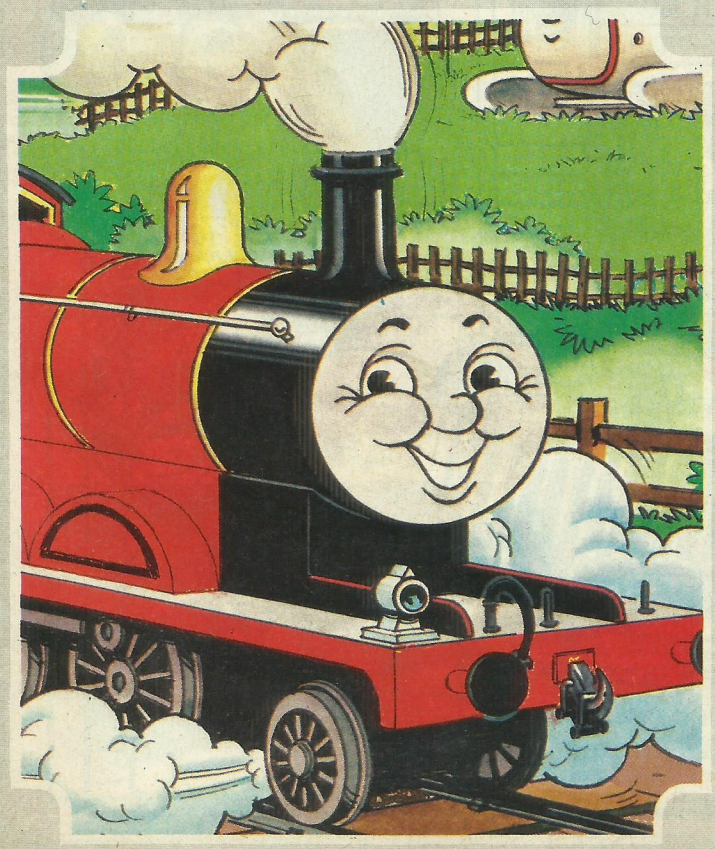

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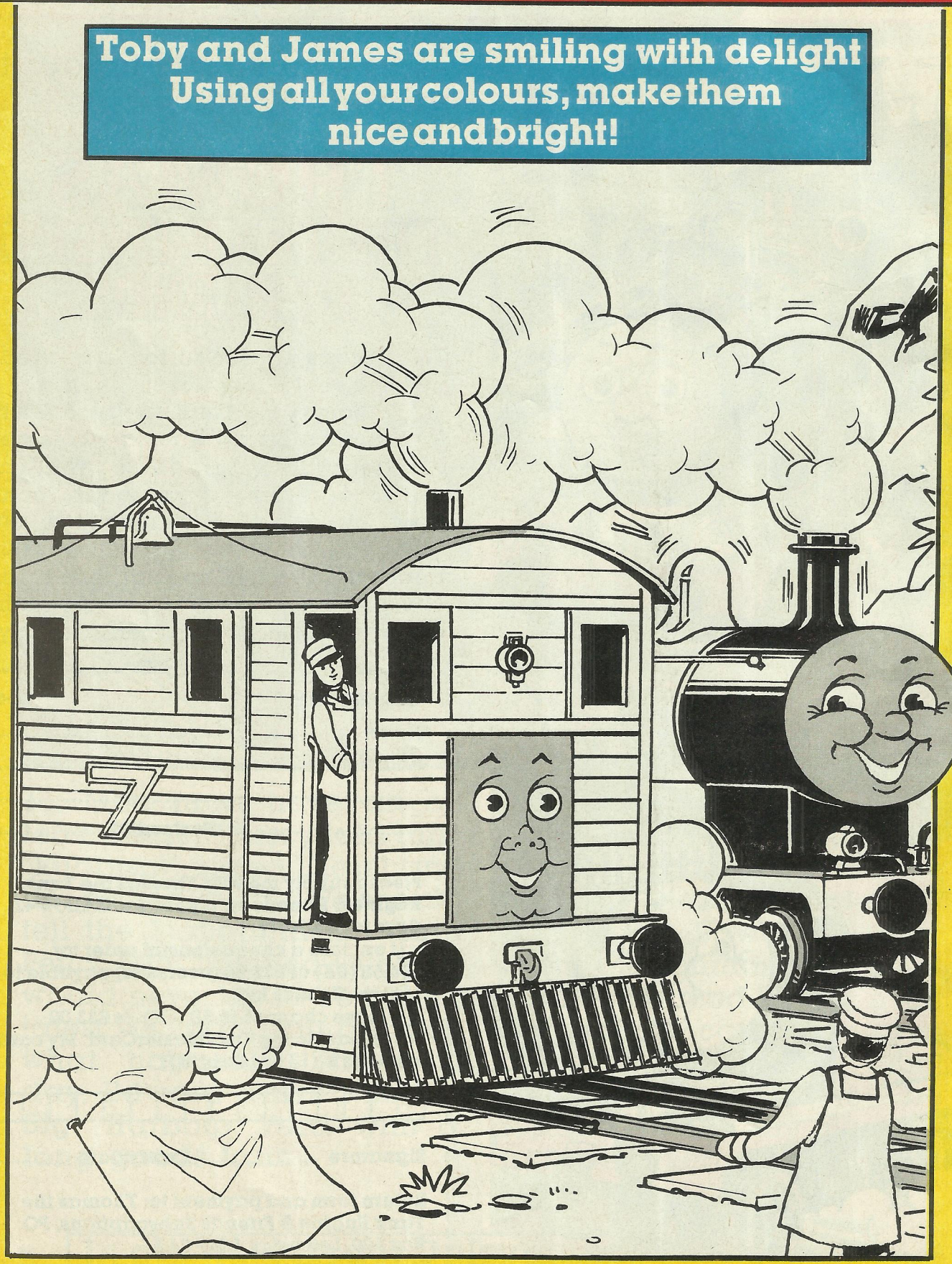

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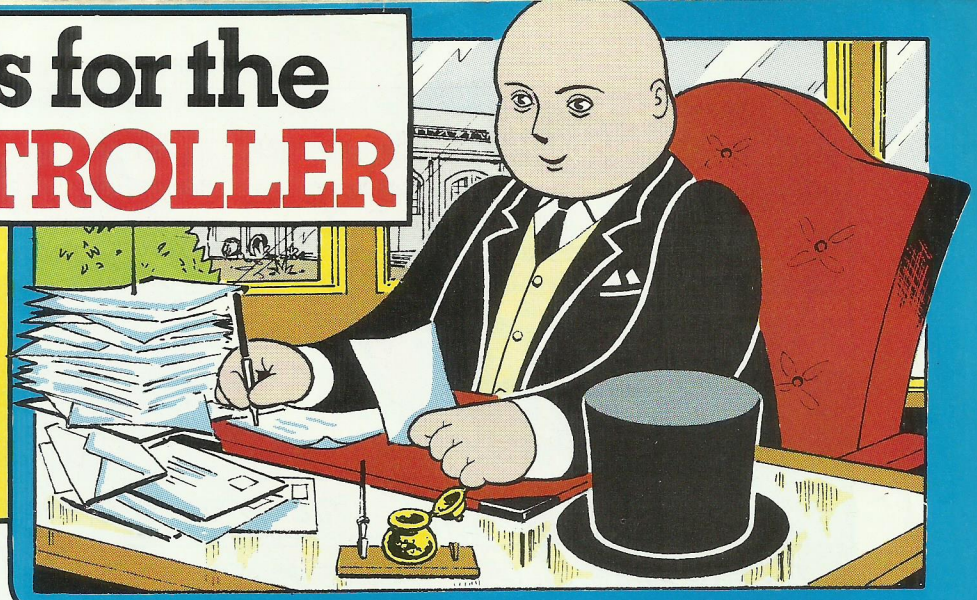

Have you got an amusing story to tell? Do you have a question you would like to ask about Thomas or his friends? If so, then write to me at the address shown below! I would be so very pleased to hear from you!

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STAR LETTER!

Dear Fat Controller,
Last week, my mummy and daddy took me shopping in the car. But on the way home, Mummy said we could travel on the train and Daddy would pick us up in the car at the station. This was the first time that I have ever been on a train and I really enjoyed it!
Love from **Nathan**, aged 3.
Splendid! *I am so pleased to hear that you enjoyed your first train journey so much, Nathan! Travelling by train is a very exciting experience and I'm sure you'll enjoy your future trips just as much!*

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UPON MY WALL!

Dear Fat Controller,
I have only just had my bedroom decorated with **Thomas the Tank Engine** wallpaper, it looks very nice! Have you any **Thomas the Tank Engine** wallpaper?
Love from **Giles**, aged 2.
No, I'm afraid to say that I have not. However, my two grandchildren, Stephen and Bridget, have their bedrooms decorated with Thomas's splendid wallpaper. It does look charming!

SERVICE WITH A SMILE!

Dear Fat Controller,
How often do **Thomas the Tank Engine** and his other friends on your railway need to be serviced?
From **Adam**, aged 5.
That is a very good question, Adam! I schedule my engines to have a routine service regularly. However, if an emergency arises and one of my engines breaks down, then they are taken straight to the maintenance shed for immediate attention!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Nathan Hart, Emma Granger, Daniel Walker (30827), Thomas Gardner (11025), Benjamin Craze (34891), Anthony Eastman (30419), Jason Marc Rosehill (29273), David Preston (30069), Bryn Lewis Watkinson (3397), Kevin Barber, Melissa Amy Crowther, Matthew Punter, Andrew Bone (34774), Thomas Kain, Andrew Squire (33484), Graeme Cambell (32815), Thomas Paul Leeds, Ben Cook (34953), Amanda Lester, Helen Barber, Adam Howard (27169), Thomas Milne (30367), Sarah Murphy, Michael David Simcock (34882), Christopher Causon (25527), Fraser Wilson (25268) and Stephen Jeacock (0330).

If you would like a birthday mention printed in one of our future issues, please send your details on a postcard, at least **9 weeks** in advance. We cannot promise to print all the birthdays, but we will do our very best.

Yours,
Sir Topham Hatt.
the Fat Controller.

Send your letters to:

The Fat Controller
The Island of Sodor
c/o Marvel Comics Ltd
13/15 Arundel Street
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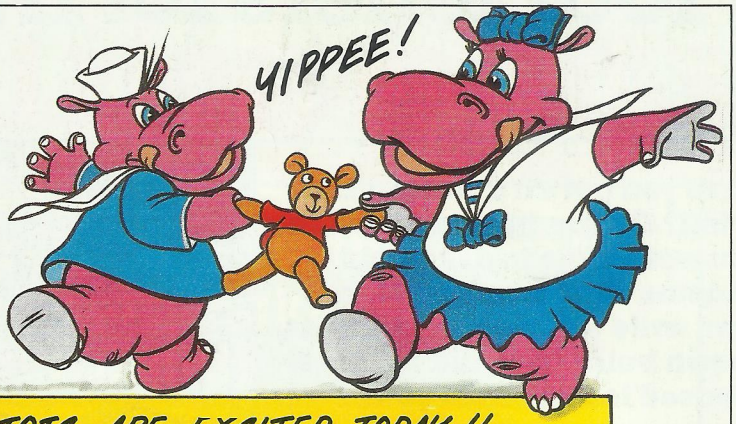

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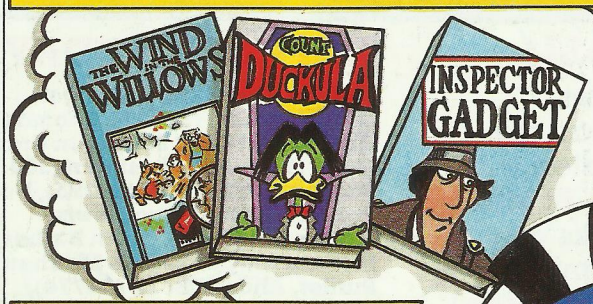
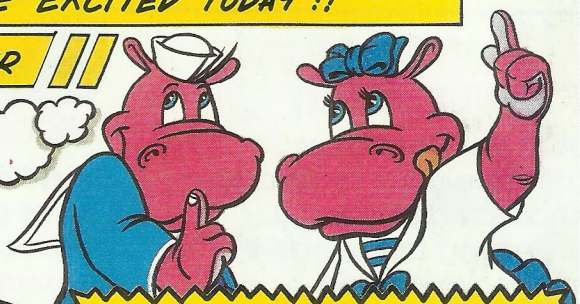
THEY'VE HEARD OF A GREAT VIDEO OFFER





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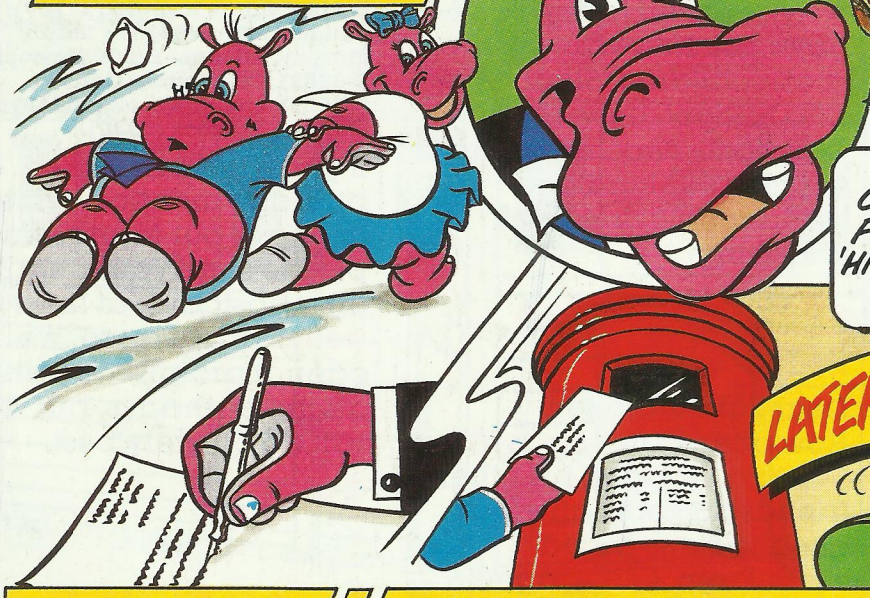
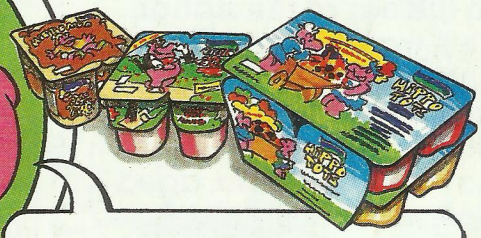
THEY RUSH OFF... TO ASK UNCLE HENRY!





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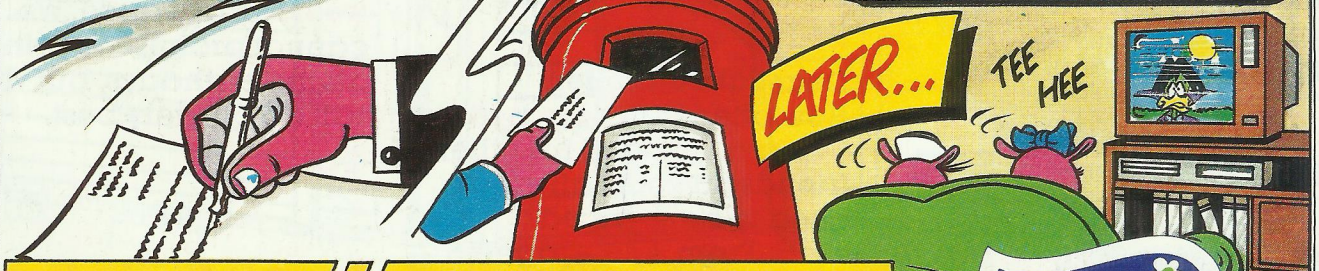

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